

The New Mexico Association of Counties (NMAC) is pleased to announce the release of the 2018-2019 Wildfire Risk Reduction for Rural Communities Grant Program. Applications can be submitted electronically or via mail. All applications must be received by NMAC no later than Friday, March 30, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. **All applications must also be submitted to BLM for review by March 9th.*

The information is also available on the NMAC website at <http://www.nmcounties.org/homepage/local-state-and-federal-collaboration/fire/>. Funding for this program is provided by the National Fire Plan through the Department of the Interior/Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in cooperation with NMAC. The program targets at-risk communities by offering seed money to help defray the costs of reducing wildland fire risk to non-federal WUI areas in New Mexico. Funding is intended to directly benefit communities that may be impacted by wildland fire initiating from or spreading to BLM public land.

The 2018-2019 Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program grant cycle will give priority to applicants who request funding for outreach and education projects (i.e. Fire Adaptive Communities, Ready, Set, Go Program) that encourage reducing wildfire risk on non-federal lands and can show a direct benefit to BLM lands. Requirements for New Mexico State Forestry CWPP updates are included with the program information. A limited number of hazardous fuel reduction projects will also be considered. Please review all materials thoroughly and complete the submission checklist before submitting your application packet. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. *All applications must be received by the New Mexico Association of Counties office by 5:00 pm on March 30, 2018 and can be submitted electronically to awebb@nmcounties.org.*

If you have specific inquiries about the New Mexico Association of Counties, Wildfire Risk Reduction Program, Application for Funding, or grant distributions please contact Aelysea Webb at (505) 395-3403 or via email at awebb@nmcounties.org.